Celebrating the Life of

Irish Joyce Barnes

Sunrise
February 8, 1951

Sunset
January 22, 2013

Celebration Service

12:00 P.M.

Friday, February 8, 2013

Civic Center Chapel

455 24th Street

Richmond, California 94804

Officiating Minister ~ Reverend Cassandra Keys

Obituary

We thank God for the life of Irish Joyce Barnes. Joyce came into this world full of life, joy and laughter on February 8, 1951. Joyce came to Amos Paul Kidd and Sadie Mae Mason-Kidd in Martinez, California. She was also greeted by one brother, Amos Paul Kidd, Jr. (Sonny) and four sisters, Margaret Kidd, Faye Kidd, Ramona Kidd and Ida Jean Kidd. Her mother passed at a young age and her father remarried a wonderful woman that was so close to her, Virlee Bryant Kidd, who loved and raised her. Joyce accepted Christ as her own personal Lord and Savior at a young age at Davis Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church. She attended Sunday School and was a member of the youth choir. Joyce graduated from El Cerrito High School and earned her AA degree in Business Administration from Contra Costa College. Also, she received her BA from the University of Texas, Dallas, in Child Development.

Joyce met her husband of 41 years, Benny Barnes, at Contra Costa College. Joyce and Benny were married on March 18, 1972 and later moved to Dallas, Texas, where Joyce (loved!) to watch Benny play football for the Dallas Cowboys. From that union were born four children: three sons, David Bennon Barnes, Damon Bushon Barnes and Deon Jamall Barnes and one daughter, Christina Marie Barnes. Joyce worked in the student book store at Stanford University for two years. She was also a devoted house wife and mother for years. She had her own business in Dallas, Texas for four years called, In Look Hair Design. Joyce was active with the Lake Highlands Soccer Association for years cheering at her childrens' soccer games. At New Mount Zion Baptist Church, she was an active member of the congregation and a Den Mother for the Church's Boy Scouts of America . Joyce helped children at Hamilton Park Elementary as an assistant for youth programs on occasion. Joyce and Benny moved back to the Bay Area in 1992 where she worked at Families First in Davis, California as a youth counselor for five years. Then she had her own day care, Barnes Family Daycare for three years in Fairfield, California. Later, Joyce worked for various preschools as a substitute teacher and retired in 2010.

Joyce made time for sewing and gardening early on in her life. She loved to read books and watch TV, particularly The Young and The Restless. She also loved going to the movie theater to see a good cinematic blockbuster. She loved a comedy to make her laugh! Joyce traveled many tropical places such as Jamaica, Haiti, Hawaii and enjoyed St. Thomas most of all. Beaches were Joyce's favorite places to go and Monterey, California was one of them. She would compliment God's remarkable beauty and gracious works on how the sun would set. Satisfying the belly of her hungry husband, Benny and children, she enjoyed cooking pleasant dishes. She loved to shop and go to dinner at a nice restaurant. Joyce would dance to various songs that she liked and lived life to the fullest every chance she could get. Joyce also had a pet squirrel, Baby, that she would feed when he would come to the window. Her face would just light up when he showed up. Her dedication to watching sports that her family played was a highlight of her life. She watched her husband, her children and grandchildren play and this is something her family will never forget from Joyce. She is still cheering for us all!

Joyce went home to glory on January 22, 2013 at her family home. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who leaves to cherish her memory: mother, Virlee Kidd; husband, Benny J. Barnes, Jr.; sons, Damon Bushon Barnes, David Bennon Barnes and Deon Jamall Barnes; daughter, Christina Marie Barnes; eight grandchildren, Andre Barnes, Diamond Barnes, Jade Barnes, Justice Barnes, Damon Barnes, II, Shon Barnes, DJ Barnes and Natalia Barnes; sisters, Margaret Kidd-Bernard, Faye Kidd-Bedford, Aunty Juanita Levine; brothers-in-law, Archie Barnes, Kenneth Barnes, Mike Butler; sisters-in-law, Arnie Barnes, Annette Barnes, Carol Barnes, and Mae Wynn. (Honorary sisters) Sandy Madden, Nancy Newhouse, Gayle McCloud, Louise Geiger, Janice Green. Joyce also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Joyce was preceded in death by: her loving parents, Amos Paul Kidd and Sadie Mae Kidd; brother, Amos Paul Kidd, Jr. (Sonny); sisters, Ramona Kidd-Thomas and Ida Jean Kidd-Jones. Joyce Barnes will be missed by many and her legacy lives on through us all! Reflect on her for that kind and sweet personality that she had and try to extend that kindness to others during your lives, because she would want that. We thank God for the joyful and incredible life of Irish Joyce Barnes.

Order of Celebration

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Davis Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church

Prelude ..... *"God Has Smiled On Me"* ..... *Reverend A. L. Cobb*

Processional ..... *Interest of Ministers and Families*

Prayer ..... *Reverend Cassandra Keys*

Scripture Reading .....

Old Testament ..... *23rd Psalm*

New Testament ..... *St. John 14: 1-7*

Tribute ..... *Barnes Children*

Musical Selection ..... *"He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need"* ..... *Carol Macon*

Words of Love ..... *Gayle McCloud*

Janice Green

Nancy Newhouse

Charles McCloud

Acknowledgement of Cards and Resolutions .....

Obituary ..... *Read Silently*

Musical Selection ..... *Solo* ..... *Eula Guledge*

Eulogy ..... *Dennis Mitchell*

Parting Musical Selection ..... *"Going Up Yonder"* ..... *Eula Guledge*

Recessional .....

Repast

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3230 MacDonald Avenue
Richmond, California 94804

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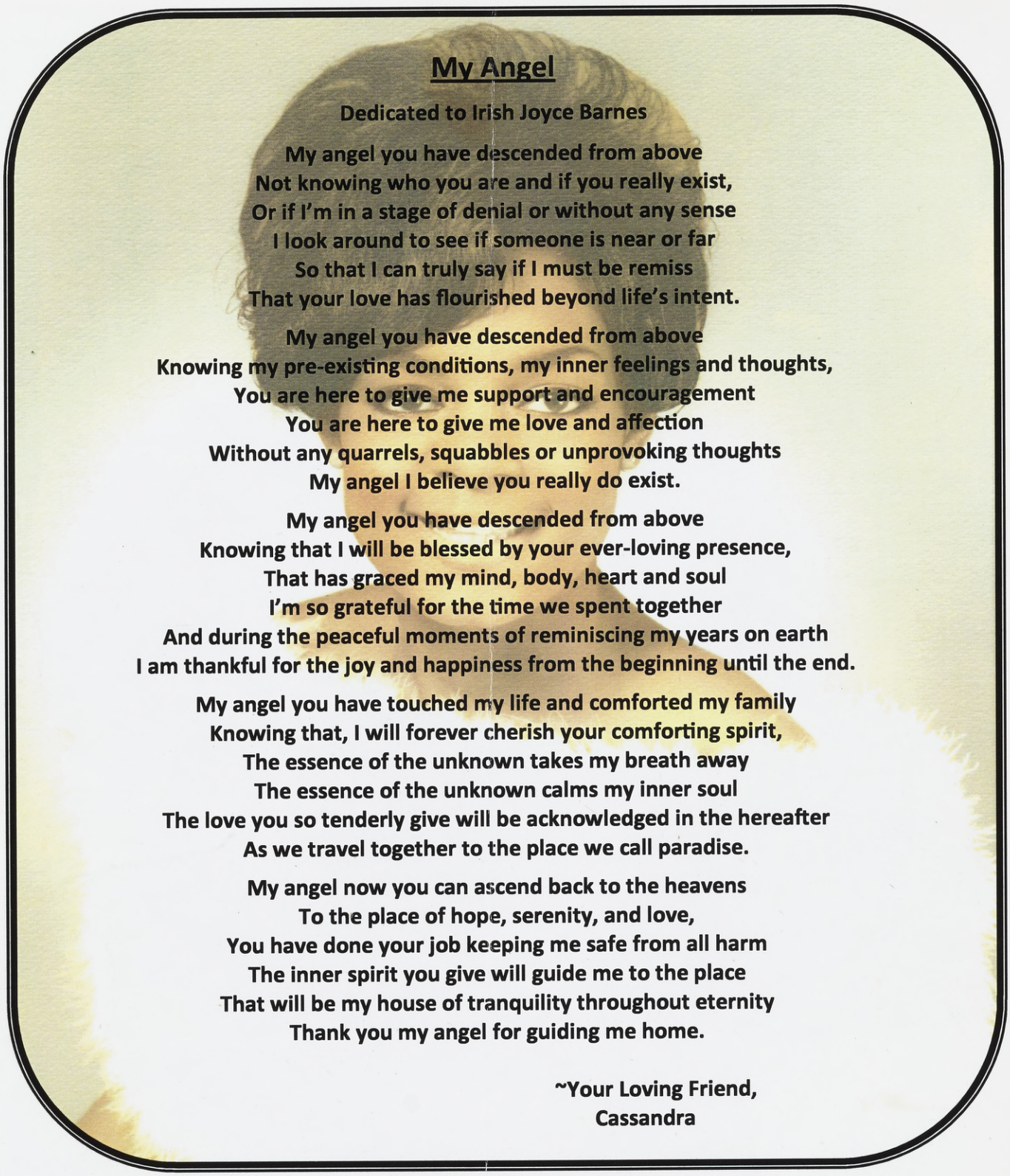

My Angel

Dedicated to Irish Joyce Barnes

My angel you have descended from above
Not knowing who you are and if you really exist,
Or if I'm in a stage of denial or without any sense
I look around to see if someone is near or far
So that I can truly say if I must be remiss
That your love has flourished beyond life's intent.

My angel you have descended from above
Knowing my pre-existing conditions, my inner feelings and thoughts,
You are here to give me support and encouragement
You are here to give me love and affection
Without any quarrels, squabbles or unprovoking thoughts
My angel I believe you really do exist.

My angel you have descended from above
Knowing that I will be blessed by your ever-loving presence,
That has graced my mind, body, heart and soul
I'm so grateful for the time we spent together
And during the peaceful moments of reminiscing my years on earth
I am thankful for the joy and happiness from the beginning until the end.

My angel you have touched my life and comforted my family
Knowing that, I will forever cherish your comforting spirit,
The essence of the unknown takes my breath away
The essence of the unknown calms my inner soul
The love you so tenderly give will be acknowledged in the hereafter
As we travel together to the place we call paradise.

My angel now you can ascend back to the heavens
To the place of hope, serenity, and love,
You have done your job keeping me safe from all harm
The inner spirit you give will guide me to the place
That will be my house of tranquility throughout eternity
Thank you my angel for guiding me home.

~Your Loving Friend,
Cassandra

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so very much. Each one of you played a part, and we are truly, truly touched.

~The Irish Joyce Barnes Family

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